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### Editorial Page

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## Berrien Court Sustains Delay Period In Welfare Payments

Better than a year ago the U.S. Supreme Court, then called the Warren court after its chief justice, struck down the residency requirement every state applied to its relief payments.

The Court said the denial of welfare to an applicant newly arrived in a state but giving aid to a resident applicant violates the Constitution's equal protection of the law clause.

Following the lead of California during the 1931 depression, all states adopted a waiting period varying from three to twelve months before the ambulatory applicant could go on the relief roll.

Condemned by the do gooders as a rule which only the heartless could devise, the residency requirement did serve the very practical purpose of discouraging reliefers from shopping around for the best available free loading.

A majority on the Warren court, taking note of another practicality, namely, the federal subsidization of welfare, stated in effect that a U.S. citizen should have a choice in looking about for a location that would give him the most.

Since the northern states, by their own domestic laws, always paid out larger grants, they already had been inundated with a heavy welfare load from less generous states. The Warren decision has simply speeded up this migration.

Another hurdle in the relief path is a widespread regulation involving the broken home.

Michigan's version requires an applicant, almost invariably a mother with dependent children, to prove a good faith separation between herself and her husband.

If she can, she is eligible immediately for ADC.

If she can not, she must wait 90 days before ADC is granted. She does, however, during this

### At Least Roads Will Be Clear

The proposed space shuttle is described as an "all-purpose truck." It'll have one big advantage over other trucks: no highway congestion.

## Military And Drugs

A Pentagon task force's finding that drug use among United States military personnel in the Far East has become a major problem scarcely rates as a revelation, disturbing as it is.

Less than five months ago, Pentagon surveys presented to a Senate subcommittee indicated that roughly three of every 10 American servicemen, in Asia and elsewhere had taken narcotics on at least an experimental basis. An alarming increase in drug use had been apparent long before that.

Nevertheless, the latest study, undertaken by a six-man panel

### But Is He Fast Over Long Haul?

McGovern, a latecomer to the 1968 Democratic nomination contest, is an earlycomer this time around. Whether he's an arriver remains to be seen.

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waiting period, receive direct relief which is less than the ADC computation.

The regulation is aimed at a common occurrence in domestic affairs which are not going too well. The husband or the wife packs up following a family fight only to return to the fold in a matter of days or weeks.

The economic hardship in this brief disruption can be intense, but it is not the enduring deprivation of a permanent desperation.

The State Social Service Bureau selects a 90-day absence as evidence that the departing husband does not intend to come back to the family hearth.

Acting on this regulation from its Lansing superiors, the Berrien County Social Service office denied ADC to a Benton Harbor woman in December, 1969, whose husband, she claimed, had left the fold. She received the direct relief allotment and then was advanced to ADC on the 91st day.

Last week Circuit Judge Karl A. Zick ruled against her claim for the difference of \$99 between direct relief and ADC during the 90-day waiting period.

It is a test case brought by the OEO funded Berrien County Legal Services Bureau and undoubtedly will be appealed at least as far as the Michigan Supreme Court.

The Legal Services lawyer argues down to earth comparison to invalidate the Social Services regulation.

If a mother with illegitimate children can move from Alabama to Michigan and on the following day receive ADC, why should a Michigan mother of years' residency, deserted by her husband, have to wait 90 days?

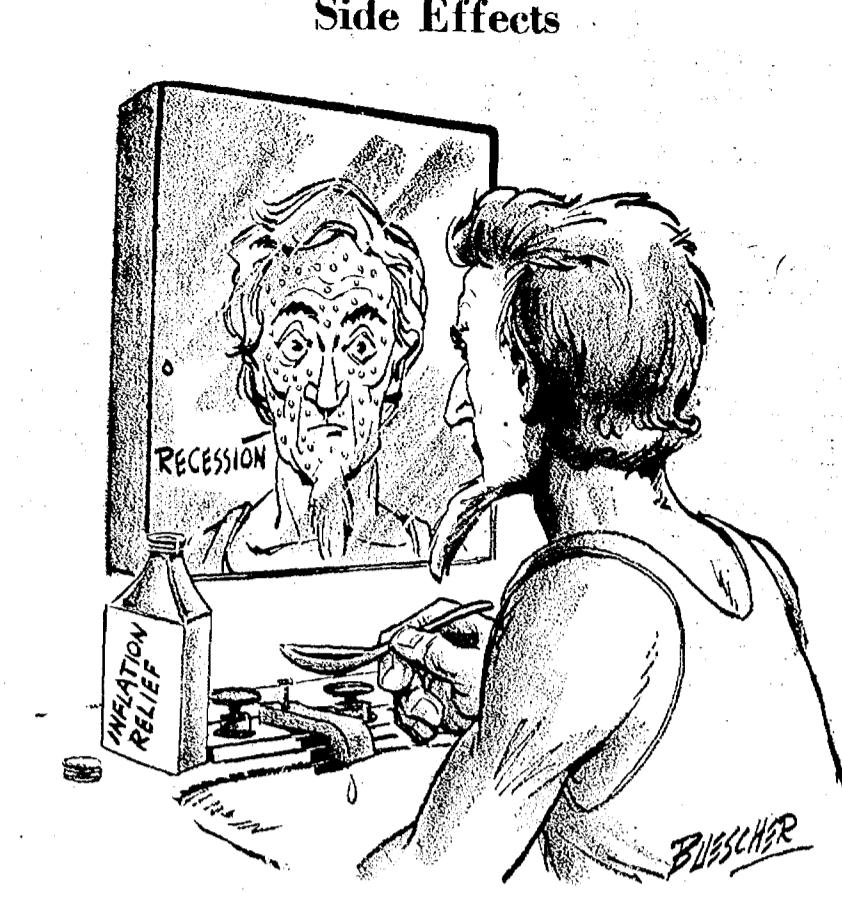
There are two answers.

One is the fairness doctrine urged by Legal Services.

The other is that the Warren court went haywire in the first instance by cutting down the residency requirement.

Getting a court to change its mind is an uphill battle, particularly when asked to overturn or modify a recent decision.

Yet the real solution is another test case to reinstate the residency rule in all welfare situations.



## Side Effects

## GLANCING BACKWARDS

### LAKER GUARDS PACE WIN AGAINST INDIANS

—1 Year Ago—

"The difference in our guard play between tonight and Tuesday was like north and south," said Lake Michigan Catholic basketball coach Sam Skarick after his Lakers had downed Hartford 86-81 in a Red Arrow Conference game Saturday night at the Laker's gym.

In Tuesday's loss to Decatur Jeff Neumann went scoreless and the Mandarino brothers combined for 10 points, while against Hartford the trio threw in 54 points. Neumann led all scorers with 24 points, including eight of 10 field goal attempts, many from long range.

**PATROL SYSTEM STREAMLINED**  
—30 Years Ago—

### TO ASK OK OF 2.9 MILLS HIKE

—10 Years Ago—

St. Joseph school district voters will be faced with a request for 2.9 mills for three years for operating funds at a special election March 2, the board of education announced last night.

The extra tax money would yield about \$200,000 annually, school officials said at a meeting of the junior high school PTA.

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Plans for modernizing and streamlining the operation of the sheriff's department were

announced today by Sheriff Al J. Hastings after he made public the names of three new officers added to his staff. Drastic changes in the operation of the patrolling system were perfected by the sheriff following the installation of the two-way radio sets in all patrol cars.

Under the new system worked out through the plans advanced by Chief Deputy Sheriff Erwin H. Kubath, there will be three squad cars cruising all sections of the county at all times. Each car will be manned by two highway patrolmen. Deputy sheriff Ted Ausbrook will be in charge of the patrol unit and the operations will be directed by radio.

### CALLED TO SERVE

—40 Years Ago—

Carl Haterius, a student at the Aug 1878 seminary, Rockford, Ill., who supplied at Saron Lutheran church during the holiday season, was called last evening at the annual meeting of the church to accept the pastorate here, after his graduation in June.

### CLASS BANQUET

—50 Years Ago—

The members of the Class taught by John Rice, enjoyed a banquet last evening at the Congregational church. Covers were laid for 20.

### IMPROVE PROPERTY

—80 Years Ago—

B. F. Pixley is preparing to put down a large sewer through the center of his property. This will be a great improvement and will give future residents of the addition the necessary drainage facilities. Mr. Pixley will also lay out a beautiful little park among the trees between Pixley and Morton avenues.

## RUTH RAMSEY

## Today's Grab Bag

### THE ANSWER QUICK!

1. What is a sporran?
2. Who was known as the "Rock of Chickamauga"?
3. Who was Gerhard Mercator?
4. How is dew formed?
5. Which is the lowest of the Great Lakes?

### YOUR FUTURE

For the young, academic advancement. For the older, a happy year. Today's child will be artistic, popular.

### WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

**EXHORTATION** — EG-ZOR-TAY-shen — noun; an utterance, discourse or address conveying urgent advice or recommendations.

### IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1896 the first X-ray photograph was taken.

### IT'S BEEN SAID

Those things which were hard to bear are sweet to remember.—Seneca.

### BORN TODAY

An autographed signature has become known as a "John Hancock" because of the bold legibility with which the original John Hancock signed his name to the Declaration of Independence.

Although he wasn't by nature a leader, he wielded a great influence in the colonies because of his wealth and social position.

Hancock was born in Braintree, Mass., in 1737. The area is now known as Quincy. After graduating from Harvard in 1754, he entered the mercantile house of his uncle, Thomas Hancock of Boston. His uncle adopted him and, on his death in 1764, his will left a huge fortune and a prosperous business to Hancock.

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that visited American installations in Asia and the Pacific should enhance efforts now being mounted to alleviate the narcotics problem.

In particular, one of the task force's major conclusions, that existing disciplinary procedures are ineffective, has underscored the potential efficacy of a Defense Department directive issued last fall.

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Hancock served as president of the Continental Congress from 1775-1777 and, along with Samuel Adams, served as leader of the Massachusetts Whigs.

Hancock was the first delegate to sign the Declaration of Independence. He was a member of the Confederation Congress in 1785. Hancock was the first governor of Massachusetts, serving two terms.

Hancock was liberal, public-spirited and, as his repeated elections proved, exceedingly popular.

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### Grandparents

Jane and Eddie, a young married couple, showed almost no interest in their baby boy. Out of sheer necessity, Jane's parents took over the task of bringing him up.

But when he was three, Jane and Eddie decided they wanted him back. The grandparents refused to part with the boy, so the two couples squared off in the courtroom to fight for custody.

### BEST FOR CHILD!

"Parents outrank grandparents," argued the younger pair. But it also appeared that Jane and Eddie drank too much, worked too little, and had no home of their own. The court ruled that the boy was better off where he was, with his grandparents.

It is not rare for parents and grandparents to disagree about the custody of a child. Generally speaking, the law puts its main emphasis on what is best for the child, even at the expense of parental sensibilities.

Nevertheless, in most instances, parents are indeed favored over grandparents because they are the "natural" custodians of their own offspring.

As one court put it: "The law seeks to work in harmony with nature, and to continue those ties which bind man to his own flesh."

Thus, in another case, parents regained custody of their daughter even though they had no savings, no life insurance, and only a modest income. Noting that their income at least was

steady and their habits sober, the court said:

"Unless they are to be deprived for all time of the love of their child, and of the opportunity to give her their love, they should be given that chance now."

### MOVE BACK

Are a child's own wishes taken into consideration. Yes, if he is mature enough to have independent views. But usually this factor is not decisive by itself.

A 15-year-old boy, transferred to his parents' home after many years with his grandmother, was unhappy about the change. He said in a court hearing that, because of squabbling between his mother and father, he wanted to move back with his grandmother.

But the court held that the boy's discontent was not enough reason to grant his request. The court said he would probably soon get used to the shift from a sheltered existence with his grandmother to the normal abrasions of family life.

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## DR. COLEMAN

## ...And Speaking Of Your Health

Are there any reliable ways to prevent intoxication and a hangover through the use of drugs or certain foods?

Mr. J. D., N.J.

Dear Mr. D.: There seem to be endless myth attached to the sophistication of alcohol drinking. Every drinker has created his own "scientific" observation.

Some insist that lining their stomachs with olive oil will prevent intoxication and a hangover. Others are sure orange juice in between drinks can do the same Dr. Coleman thing.

Ask any drinker and he will give you his special advice. This advice, you can be sure, will exclude the most important suggestion, that is, to drink sensibly and to know your own limitations.

Drinking is not a competitive sport. The rate with which alcohol disappears from the body depends on the individual's metabolism. How soon he sobered up varies with each person.

It must be added that there is great danger in mixing alcohol with any kind of drug. This sad combination, coupled with a multi-horsepower 8-cylinder engine, is one of man's greatest threats to his own existence.

We are a high-income family. Our children go to excellent schools. Our



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ST. JOSEPH, MICH., TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1971

## Coloma Planning Half-Day Classes

### For Juniors, Seniors

COLOMA — Junior and senior high school students here are to be covered in a half-day sessions plan approved by the school board for the year starting in September.

The board voted last night to have 7-8-9 grade students attend classes in the senior high school during the afternoons. Students

in 10-11-12 grades will go in the mornings.

The present junior high school building will be used by 5-6 grade students only.

Approved late last year, the half-day sessions plan had not spelled out just which grades were to be involved. The junior-senior high school split was one

of two possibilities under consideration.

**ENDORSED BY FACULTY**

Action on the grades came after a recommendation from faculty members in the junior high school endorsed the move.

In other areas, the board approved a six-week trial period for a revised dress code for students. The action, in one area, also covered teachers.

Under the trial code, senior high boys will be permitted to have hair reaching to the shoulder, but not curling and sideburns to an inch below the ear. Girls in all grades and teachers were given permission to wear pantsuits or slacks with a blouse or sweater.

The six-week trial was approved by majority vote after recommendations from the student body were reviewed. About 75 students attended to support the change. Board Member Richard Eastman voted against on grounds the acceptability to the community was in question.

#### NARCOTICS PREVENTION

The Board approved an application for a federal grant for a preventive narcotics program.

An open house was scheduled

for Feb. 10 at the vocational education classes at the high school. A progress report was received from the FACT committee on a planned open

meeting Monday to review de-

tails regarding the Jan. 25

millage vote for two proposals for school buildings.

Superintendent William Bar-

rett said the district could not afford to buy instruments for the music program under a recent state school board ruling.

The ruling requires purchase by the district if the program is a

credit course.

Now just the high school and Bangor elementary school have a hot lunch program. Under the expanded program, hot lunches will be provided this year to middle school. Next year Breedsville school and the fire station classes will also be included.

#### TO BE TRANSPORTED

Food will be prepared in the high school kitchen and transported in special containers to other locations.

In other action, the board voted to join the Van Buren county film library at an annual cost of about \$2,000.

To comply with a state directive, a committee was named to draft a conduct code for the school. Named to the committee were Superintendent Howard Beyer, and Principals Howard Beyer, Walter Bonelli and Fred Stapp.

The board approved the re-assignment of physical education teacher Mrs. Hilda Totzke to middle school guidance counselor, and the hiring of David Wagner as high school guidance counselor. These are new positions on the faculty.

The board also approved the hiring of Miss Diane Miller to replace Mrs. Totzke as physical education teacher.

#### Galien Village Council Will Meet Thursday

GALIEN — A meeting of the Galien village council slated last night was postponed for lack of a quorum. The meeting will be held Thursday night, village officials said.



JUDGE PAUL POLLARD

#### Pollard Selected To Preside

Paul Pollard of Berrien Springs has been selected by his fellow judges to serve as presiding judge of Berrien Fifth District court for 1971.

He succeeds John Iwaniuk, who becomes recorder judge. John Hammond remains executive judge and Harry A. Laity, presiding judge pro-tem.

Judge Pollard, 34, was elected to a four-year term as district judge in 1968. Prior to that he was a staff attorney for the Berrien County Legal Services bureau and a practicing attorney in Benton Harbor, Albion and Berrien Springs.

Pollard is a graduate of the Notre Dame law school. He was graduated from Andrews university in 1961 and Berrien Springs high school in 1957. A native of Cecil, Pa., near Pittsburgh, he moved to Berrien Springs with his family in 1948.

He and his wife, the former Jean Smith of Berrien Springs, have one daughter.

#### TAKING ROAD BIDS

LANSING (AP) — The State Highway Department will take bids Jan. 20 in Lansing on four projects totaling an estimated \$3.1 million. The State Highway Commission said the largest project, estimated to cost more than \$3 million is for construction of 1.2 miles of Interstate 475 freeway in Flint. Completion date for the project is July 1972.

In another action, the council approved a recommendation by the planning commission to rezone property adjacent to the Bangor Lumber company from residential to light industrial.

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COVERT — A state department of Hardings market here failed for the second time last night to win city council approval of a beer and wine take-out license.

The board voted to let stand its original motion denying the request, which was passed July 27.

The decision July 27 was swayed by petitions from area residents opposing the request.

It was also meant to protect the city's small groceries whose

beer and wine takeout are

"about all that's keeping them in business," the commission said.

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tions were made at the board's regular meeting and followed a request by school officials for help in preparing a school building program. No action was taken.

Two issues submitted by the board to voters have been rejected in the last two years. Both called for construction of a new high school.

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#### SEEK U.S. FUNDS

In other areas, the board authorized the filing of an application for federal funds to purchase room darkening drapes for classrooms. No estimates were made.

The hourly rate of the system's head custodian, Earl Thompson, was increased from \$2.50 to \$3.

The school calendar was amended to provide to the scheduling of a make-up instruction day. No date was specified.

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NILES — A break-in and ma-

licious destruction of property at the Plym Park Golf course,

401 Marmont street, Niles, are

being investigated by city po-

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It was the opinion of Charles

R. Moon, a member of the law

firm of Dickinson, Wright, Mc-

Kean & Cudlip of Detroit, that

any extra costs of a count-

y-backed public works project

are not a general obligation of

the county.

Instead they are to be paid by smaller units of government participating in the project, Seeder reported.

The board approved a resolution

permitting Prosecutor Tay-

lor to consult with Moon on

"any issue that might arise in

connection with any operation of

the board of public works,"

Seeder said.

The board will meet again

Jan. 27, or perhaps in special

session Jan. 18 to review an

amended bond resolution for a

near-\$5 million twin cities sewage plant expansion.

Construction costs were higher than

estimated and will require ap-

proval for a bigger bond sale.

The public works board acts on

these measures before submission to the Berrien county board of commissioners.

#### Niles Police Investigating Golf Vandalism

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